

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response filed on 02/27/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65, 78-81, 83-85 and 87-90 (renumbered as 1-21).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Amendment, filed on February 27, 2007.
2. Claims 14, 57, 78, 83-84 and 87-89 are amended. Claims 1-13, 15, 21-56, 59, 61-64, 66-77, 82, 86 and 91-92 are canceled. Claims 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65, 78-81, 83-85 and 87-90 are pending and presented for examination for this office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65, 78-81, 83-85 and 87-90 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 14 and 57 identify distinct features, "comparing the search results from the searchable index with the search results from the collection of geographically authenticated URL addresses to identify an authenticated set of URL addresses of the electronic documents which match the desired geographic location and the specified keyword, returning the authenticated set of URL addresses of the electronic documents which match the desired geographic location and the specified keyword, wherein creating a collection URL addresses of electronic documents that are associated with businesses having geographic location being authenticated by a mechanism other than by the content of the electronic document further includes, storing, in a table locally on a user computer, the URL addresses that are associated with businesses having a

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geographic location corresponding to the desired geographic location: using a web-browser plug-in, detecting a requested URL address in search results from a search engine, checking whether the requested URL address is stored in the table to verify that the requested URL address is associated with the desired geographic location and providing a user warning if the requested URL address is not associated with the desired geographic location". The closest prior art, Polnerow et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,813,006) disclosing search URL address of web site, fails to suggest the claimed limitation as mentioned above in combination with other claimed elements. The above features in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependent and independent claims 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65, 78-81, 83-85 and 87-90 are hereby allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac M. Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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